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Examiner:

In re Application of:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

The indication in the Notice of Allowance mailed 31 October 2007 that Claims 1, 6-8, 10-12, 17-19, 26-28, 30 and 31 (see Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312) of the subject Application, have been allowed, is noted with appreciation. However, the Applicant would like to comment on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

REMARKS:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, the Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, the Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner

CONCLUSION:

Part B of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form is being filed electronically herewith to facilitate the processing of this deposit account authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1470.00 for the \$1,440.00 Issue Fee and the \$30.00 fee for ten additional copies of the patent to Deposit Account No. 500777. No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500777.

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Respectfully submitted,

31 January 2008

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